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Getting by

Shamrock Valley Enterprises skip Leonard Gadowski gets close to the target to study the angles as a Shamrock stone is swept by a BJ Services guard in the grand challenge game on Sunday. BJ Services skip Jeff Latos (left) is already considering where next to put his broom. More Oilmen's photos, Page 6.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO

BJ Services wins 23rd Oilmen's grand challenge

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

What looked like a shoo-in for Jeff Latos and his BJ Services rink from Lloydminster in the early ends of Sunday's 23rd Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel grand challenge turned into a nine-end marathon match of strategies.

Latos pitted his wits against a very determined Leonard Gadowski, skip of the Shamrock Valley #1 rink, who has taken the championship for the past two years.

Gadowski's gang found themselves down 8-2 after four ends, but battled their way up to a 8-6 margin in the next two before Latos counted four in the seventh. Gadowski added two in the eighth to make it 11-8, but another big end for the Lloydminster foursome in the ninth put the win out of reach for the Elk Point team.

Gadowski was philosophical about his loss, noting that except for sheer luck, the Shamrock crew would have been out of the running two games sooner. Fans, however, report that the semi-final against National Oilwell went right down to a draw to the button.

Superior Safety took third place in the grand challenge event.

History was made in the bonspiel's "B" event, where for the first time ever, a female skip led a rink to an Oilmen's victory. Terri Breen and her Richland Oilfield rink defeated Nalco, skipped by Chris Patton to take the trophies. CCS #2 placed third in the "B" event and E-Can #2 was fourth.

The "C" and "D" events were over early, with Troy Lorensen and the Weatherford Power Sections rink defeating Precision Energy, skipped by Tom McDougall in the "C" event. The BMW Dogs placed third in the event and Jorvik's foursome took the fourth prize.

Steve Penz and E-Can Oilfield Services #1 sent Doug Littlewood's C. E. Franklin rink home early in the "D" final, with Murray Cochrane's Talaca rink placing third and the Noralta crew coming in fourth.

A total of 40 rinks took part in four full days of curling and social events, which included a banquet and dance on Saturday night where the Oilman of the Year award was presented to a very surprised Armand Houle (see story, Page 5).

A vast array of merchandise door prizes went home with curlers and guests who attended the banquet, while the top curlers won cash awards.

Town unveils \$1.55 million in 2006 projects at town hall meeting

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point ratepayers had an opportunity to check out displays showing the finer points of six 2006 public works projects adding up to a cool \$1.553 million at last Tuesday's town hall meeting, including details of how town council plans to pay for each project.

The informal meeting was geared toward getting residents' reaction to the plans,

"Council really believes in getting your input," said Mayor Parrish Tung.

"I'm a spender," Tung said. "I make money, and I love to spend it. But when I became an elected official, it changed my perspective. I mind spending your money without knowing you will get good return on your investment."

He said he and the current council "were fortunate we got elected at a time when a lot of money was coming from governments in infrastructure grants. We feel it is our responsibility to tell you how those grants are being spent."

The 2006 infrastructure grants, with \$273,500 coming from the province and

\$26,100 from federal coffers, will be added to \$348,700 in transportation grants accumulated since 2002 and an estimated \$627,000 from sale of the new residential lots to pay the major portion of the cost for the projects. Local improvement levies totaling \$38,000 and \$317,700 in reserves and borrowed funds will cover the rest of the cost of the projects as well as the purchase of a half-ton and a one-ton truck for the public works department.

Elk Point's five-year capital budget projections was clearly outlined on handouts available at the meeting. "I believe we do have a vision. This is what we want to accomplish. Hopefully you will all accept this as your vision, too," Tung said of the list of projects.

The mayor introduced two special guests, thanking MLA Ray Danyluk for his help in obtaining the necessary finances to build a helipad, and economic development officer Ernie Isley for "bringing Elk Point a can-do spirit and enthusiasm."

Town councillors took turns announcing projects for Elk Point's 2006 centennial.

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Mayor Parrish Tung points out the Town of Elk Point's proposed 2006 projects to MLA Ray Danyluk at last Tuesday's Town Hall meeting.

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Centennial projects unveiled

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Thomas Kondla said the playground at Elk Point Elementary school is "due for a big upgrade" with funding coming from governments, school division, corporate donors and fundraising projects.

Dennis Jasinsky added that the Town also plans to replace the town's entrance signs along Highway 41.

Town considering new fire hall

"We will also be looking at a new fire hall," Dwayne Yaremkevich said. "There's a lot of money out there, through grants, for projects like that."

Mayor Tung said Elk Point is "blessed" because we have some well trained firemen, but because they are aggressive at getting new equipment, they have grown out of the fire hall. It's important that we look after our emergency services." He noted that the new facility could include space to accommodate ambulances.

The first step has been taken toward funding the project, with MLA Danyluk's office providing grant application forms. Mayor Tung said he had met with CNRL's Cam Kinniburgh and Scott Staith over dinner, and they had indicated that "CNRL will definitely support the project."

Two potential sites, one along the Iron Horse Trail southwest of the hotel and one south of Northern Lights Library System, are being considered for the fire hall. A representative from the fire department - "they're the professionals" - will be asked to join the

mayor, Councillor Yaremkevich, Town manager Myron Goyan and public works superintendent Ron Fraess on a committee to work on plans for the structure.

Grants are available

Both MLA Ray Danyluk and economic development officer Ernie Isley spoke briefly. Danyluk outlined various grants which are available, and said the community must choose the projects they want to do, and the order in which they want to do them.

2006 Projects

■ North Hill Subdivision Phase 1: 18 lots - \$588,000

■ 56A Avenue water and sewer replacement and street improvements - \$459,000

■ 57 Avenue sewer extension - \$133,000

■ Water pressure sustaining valve - 51 St. near A. G. Ross Arena - \$60,000

■ Pumping station, 48 Street and 54A Ave. - \$75,000

■ Water main and storm drainage, 54 Street, 49 to 50 Avenue - \$238,000

"It's imperative that we look at priorities and directions, and that we get the money in place before we start to build anything."

Isley said he feels that the new residential lots, at a

reasonable price, will result in growth for the community. "I think you've got good things going here," he told the ratepayers. "I'm sure you'll learn more about them as time goes on."

"Something for kids"

The need for "something for kids... and something that sets us apart" was voiced by local realtor Shirley Harms.

Mayor Tung noted that in addition to the playground project, "we do need something. I don't want to give false optimism, but when the town starts growing, we can accomplish more projects."

While a swimming pool is out of the question, some consideration had been given to a water park, but Council feels that with the short summer season and hours of use limited by school hours, this might not be a cost-effective use of tax dollars.

Partnerships

Danyluk had noted that the Town had "very much worked together" with the County and Town of St. Paul to maximize the available funding through the Municipal Sponsorship program. Mayor Tung said another joint effort with the County had resulted in a fund offering financial support to cash-strapped organizations such as the playschool, curling rink and arena, all of which are used by the residents of both municipalities.

Infrastructure capacity

With population growth expected in the near future, Public Works superintendent Ron Fraess assured ratepayers that the current

infrastructure is rated to serve 1,900 people. A \$1,560,000 upgrade of the water treatment plant, funded in large part by a \$67.36 per capita grant, is slated for 2007 and will prepare it to meet the more stringent standards coming in 2008, also increasing the capacity to serve between 2,300 and 2,500 people.

Working together

Harvey Aarbo mentioned upcoming economic development planning, and noted that "in order to make [future development] happen, we have to have the support of the Town and of

industries. It's important that we work together to take this town forward."

Aarbo said he was pleased to see the CNRL representatives present, and called for a round of applause for that company, who, with the daughter of CNRL employee Dave Cousins fighting cancer, moved the family to Calgary so they could be with her while she is getting bone marrow transplants.

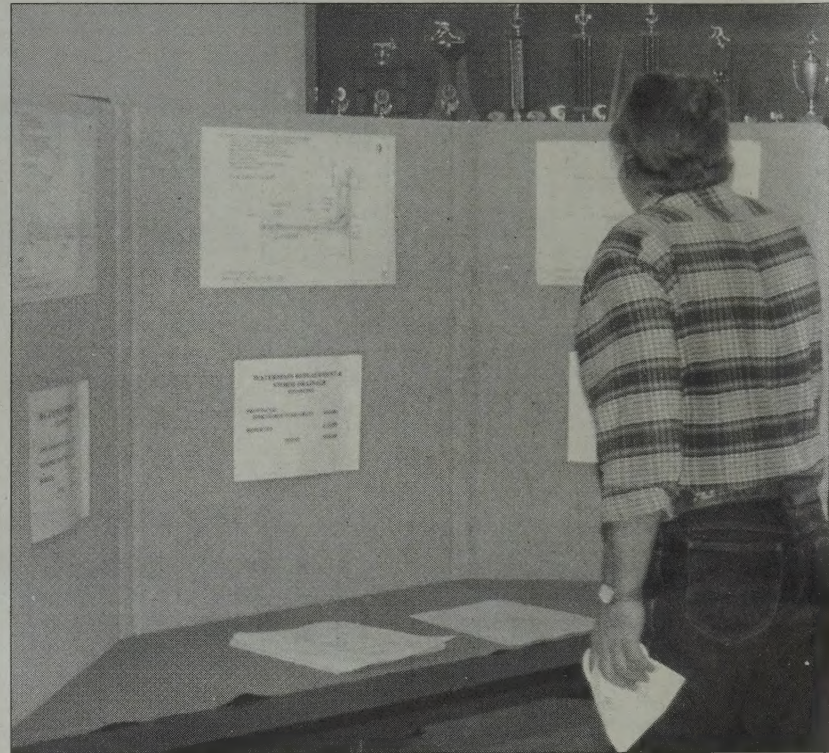
Mayor Tung affirmed that the Town has a good relationship with CNRL. "Mutual trust and respect is needed - a relationship cannot be built by challenges."

CNRL support

Staith indicated that CNRL supports the communities where their workers live with a yearly budget for donations, both with small donations for projects benefiting health, education and youth, and a separate budget for corporate donations for projects over \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Parking needed

Ratepayer Diane Cole encouraged the Town to consider parking when planning any downtown development, and suggested a theatre would be a viable business for the community.



All the details on the Town's 2006 projects, including diagrams showing location, cost of each project and how each is to be financed were set out in black and white for Elk Point ratepayers, with handouts to take home for easy reference.

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Council Members Strategic Tourism Marketing Council

Alberta Economic Development, Edmonton - The Strategic Tourism Marketing Council (STMC) provides strategic direction for tourism marketing by directing the development of the Strategic Tourism Marketing Plan. It also provides advice on policies and procedures that support the partnering of tourism marketing programs at Travel Alberta between the public and private sectors, and provides advice to the Minister on issues that affect tourism marketing.

The STMC members are appointed by Alberta's Minister of Economic Development and we are currently accepting applications for industry representative positions.

Successful candidates must possess a working knowledge of Alberta's tourism industry and tourism marketing experience. Must be a team player with a broad vision of tourism potential in Alberta, and be able to represent a range of stakeholder interests.

Must be committed to supporting Alberta tourism growth through excellence in strategic marketing.

Council members will be appointed for a one, two, or three year term commencing March 31. Members are required to attend about seven meetings per year in various Alberta locations. This is a voluntary position, and members receive travel expenses only to attend meetings. Closing Date: February 17, 2006.

Online applications are preferred. To apply online visit www.gov.ab.ca/jobs or mail your cover letter which clearly states how you meet the requirements, and a complete resume along with a minimum of three references to: Human Resource Services Branch, Alberta Economic Development, 6th Floor, Commerce Place, 10155-102 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5J 4L6. Phone: (780) 427-2571; Fax: (780) 427-1272. Please ensure you quote competition number 31916.

Canada Day planning already underway

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's Canada Day committee met last week to begin planning for the annual July 1 event, with "Celebrate Canada 2006" as the theme for this year's celebration.

Getting an early start on the day-long celebration, with five full months to pull the events together, was necessary this year due to a January 31 deadline for fed-

eral grant applications, according to committee secretary-treasurer Deanna Easthope.

Easthope says the group is starting with only a few dollars in the bank, and will embark on their fundraising campaign in April to finance parade prizes, stage show entertainment and the fireworks display. In the meantime, the committee sketched out a proposed budget, which encompasses the cost of hosting activities

for all ages.

With the F. G. Miller High School graduation on Friday, June 30, the committee plans to concentrate all their efforts on Canada Day itself this year, with a lineup of nonstop activities reaching from the Chamber of Commerce pancake breakfast to the late-evening fireworks display.

More details will be worked out when the committee meets again on March 1.

Kidney Foundation seeks volunteers

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The Kidney Foundation of Canada, Northern Alberta & Territories Branch urgently requires volunteer canvassers to assist in delivering the 2006 March Drive, March 1 to 17.

Funds raised from the March Drive go toward supporting financially disadvantaged dialysis patients with medical and psychosocial supports.

Each day, an average of 12 Canadians learn their kidneys have failed.

We provide training and support to vol-

unteers.

The Kidney Foundation of Canada, Northern Alberta & Territories Branch is a charitable, not-for-profit organization that works, with the help of the community, to provide kidney care and fund research in support of the 1.9 million Canadians with chronic kidney disease.

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For information about the Kidney Foundation and to volunteer, contact Darren at 780-451-6900 or dwagler@kidney.ab.ca.

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Guides gather in Elk Point

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

A total of 65 Girl Guides, Brownies, Sparks and Pathfinders, along with 23 adult Guiders and volunteers, converged on F. G. Miller High School this weekend for the Sak-a-Guna District's 5th Annual Winter Blues Camp.

Campers from St. Paul, Bonnyville and Elk Point arrived Saturday morning and spent the day singing songs, playing indoor and outdoor games, doing crafts, meeting new friends and "eating, eating, eating," according to Elk Point Guider Margaret White.

Saturday evening everyone was invited to show off their skills at a talent show, while Sunday morning involved more of the same activities as Saturday's program.

An even larger winter camp is coming up at the end of February, when St. Paul Guides host the Woodsmoke Area Camp, bringing participants from as far away as Provost, Lloydminster, Vegreville and Wainwright to join those from the Sak-a-Guna District.



The lineup was long as Pathfinders, Girl Guides, Brownies, Pathfinders, leaders and volunteers were served lunch in the common area at F. G. Miller High School on Sunday, near the end of their indoor winter camp.

Vicki Brooker photo

Storseth promises to be available to constituents

By Rachel de Waal
Staff Writer

The new Conservative MP for Westlock-St. Paul says he is committed to being accessible to his constituents.

"I firmly believe an MP should be far more visible in this community," says Brian Storseth. "It's very important for people to have one-on-one with their MP."

Storseth, who won 68 per cent of the vote, says he will have an office in St. Paul and will also be out in the other communities.

He says he is happy with the voter turnout in the riding, which was up five per cent from 2004.

"If you work hard, Albertans will respond," says Storseth.

Preliminary numbers from Elections Canada show voter turnout in Westlock-St. Paul at about 61 per cent, slightly less than the national voter turnout of about 65 per cent.

St. Paul Mayor John Trefanenko says he is happy to see a prime minister from Alberta, and says the town should feel honoured Storseth is from St. Paul.

County of St. Paul Reeve Robert Bouchard also expressed happiness in seeing a local MP, but admits Storseth will have to be fair to everyone in his riding.

"He does have a responsibility to provide representation for all constituents," says Bouchard.

Some First Nations leaders have expressed concern because the Conservatives did not commit to the \$5 bil-

lion pledged by former prime minister Paul Martin in the Kelowna Agreement. The money was meant to address economic and health issues on reserves.

However, Storseth says Stephen Harper believes in the objectives of the agreement.

"We have said all along we need to address the disparity of the First Nations communities," says Storseth.

He says through consultation with Métis and First Nations leaders, changes need to be made to existing programs so more money reaches the people.

Bouchard says he is optimistic about how a federal Conservative government will benefit farmers.

"The (Conservative) government did say it would revamp the CAIS program, now there's more knowledge of agriculture in general," says Bouchard.

Trefanenko says Stephen Harper's promises to reduce the GST and have a better relationship with the United States will benefit most

Canadians.

He says he is hopeful the Conservatives will continue, and perhaps enhance, what the Liberals started with the New Deal for Municipalities.

"I hope future policies decentralize government institutions and industry to rural Alberta so small communities could also have the benefit of diversifying the economy," says Trefanenko. "For example, incentives to locate food processing agribusiness in rural Alberta instead of cities."

Lac La Biche-St. Paul MLA Ray Danyluk says it will be easier for the provincial government to work with the new federal government.

He says he is also looking forward to seeing what Storseth, "a new guy with fresh ideas," will do in the government and in area communities.

"He has the enthusiasm and articulation to be able to present views from this constituency," says Danyluk. "I'm expecting big things from him."

Travel back in time at the Fur Trade Rendezvous

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

With five days to go before the cutoff date, tickets are still available for the February 11 Fur Trade Rendezvous hosted by the Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House.

The Rendezvous echoes the huge celebrations of two centuries ago, held when the trappers came out of the woods to meet with the traders in a "great gathering" which became "the trapper's Christmas, New Years Eve and birthday party; a general-purpose annual blowout," according to history.

Talking business with the factor and traders and shopping for the newly unpacked trade goods were part of those long-ago events, as were dining on fine foods and enjoying entertainment and dancing. At the 2006 equivalent, the Forts' Chief

Factor, the Honourable Gary Mar, Minister of Community Development, and MLA Ray Danyluk will be on hand to welcome the guests, while a fine array of quality trade items will await bids in the silent auction. Dinner, with a fur trade flavour from hors d'oeuvres to saskatoon pie, will be followed by fascinating stories of fur trade holidays and festivities by historian Michael Payne, a demonstration of Red River jigging and old-time music provided by Walter Anderson and his band.

This year's Rendezvous site is the Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre, and all proceeds from the event will go toward upgrading the visitors' experience at Fort George and Buckingham House Historic Site southeast of Elk Point.

For more information, call Paul or Donna Chamberland at 724-2422.

Just a reminder... Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce meets tomorrow, 12:00 Noon at the Empress



*A note of
thanks ...*

from MP elect Brian Storseth

To all the people who supported me at the polls, all those who voted and the many volunteers who joined the Conservative team and worked tirelessly throughout the campaign.

Thank You

I look forward to representing the Constituency of Westlock - St. Paul in the House of Commons.

Brian

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EDITORIAL

Share the wealth

Some consider "the Ralph Bucks" a windfall, some consider them a bribe for future votes, and others claim they're our just due as residents of this province. To some, they're just like getting a rebate when you pay too much on your income tax or on your car insurance.

Whatever you consider it, most of you have already cashed and spent the cheque, or squirreled it away for a rainy day. If, however, you have absolutely no idea what to do with the \$400 you found in your mailbox, here are a few suggestions.

Many local groups - from Girl Guides to the A. G. Ross Arena operating committee - are running on a shoestring. They would appreciate any help you can give them.

Some groups who are trying to fund community projects can even offer you something in return, such as the Elk Point Community Lions with their Trip of the Month tickets, the Friends of the Forts with their Fur Trade Rendezvous event and its silent auction, and the Elk Point 4-H, where you could buy a whole lot of tickets on a side of beef while donating to STARS.

Some groups are trying to get things going, for instance the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department with their rescue van fund and the Elementary School parents group who are slowly but surely accumulating funds toward the new playground, while others, for instance the Friends of the Library, are simply trying to keep things going.

Local businesses are also trying to keep going, and would be happy to have you spend \$400 in their establishment any day of the year. Some people were busy doing just that, right after the cheques arrived.

Stimulating the economy and stimulating discussions - Premier Klein is getting lots of bang for his bucks.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Garbage gripes to gold medals

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31 IN....
1986

Seventeen members of the business community packed Town Council chambers to protest the Town's decision to sign a non-residential garbage contract with Laidlaw Waste Systems. That same evening, more than 400 vocal farmers packed St. Paul Recreation Centre to pass and Alberta Cow-Calf Association resolution calling for provincial government assistance for farm operators.

1991

The first recyclable oil collection depot to be jointly funded by the provincial government and Turbo Resources was officially opened for use at Wozniak's bulk fuel outlet. The community bid a reluctant goodbye to Town administrator Pat Vincent and his wife Sally, who had spent almost 10 years in Elk Point.

1996

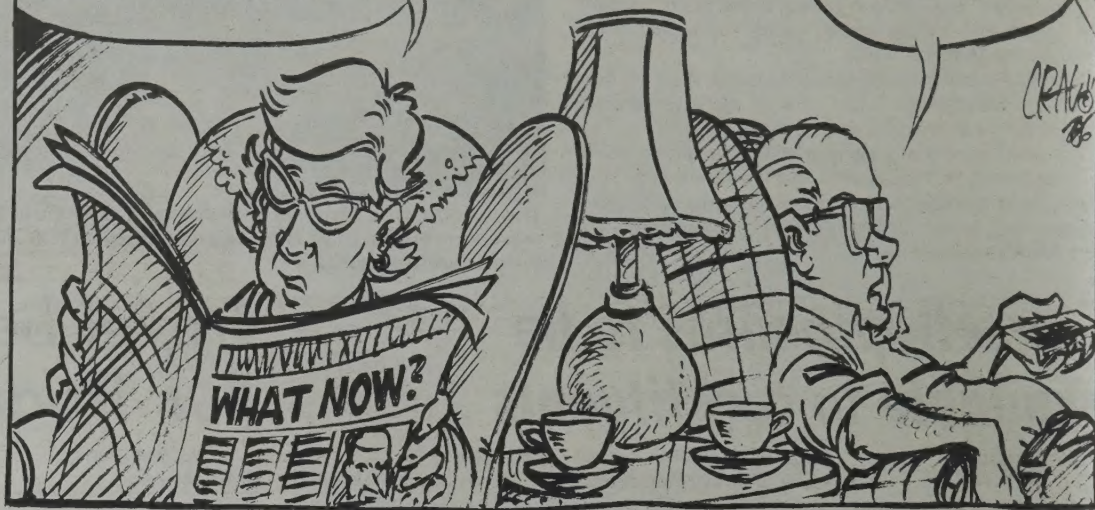
Town and County councils met to discuss a number of ways they could cooperate for the benefit of residents of both jurisdictions. Seniors Military Whist players Gwen Nelson, Pearly Slywka, Lena Stepa and Bernice Bykowski brought home gold from the Northeastern Alberta Winter Games in Lac La Biche.

2001

Automation arrived at Elk Point Public Library, as librarian Daphne Schnurer successfully checked out the first book with the new computerized system that linked the library with others across the province. However, all was not well at the library as Friends president Sherry Milholland sent out a SOS call that the organization was sinking due to lack of members and needed help to keep the library afloat.

A MINORITY GOVERNMENT IS GOOD - THE HUMBLER LIBERALS WILL KEEP THE CONSERVATIVE'S HIDDEN AGENDA - HIDDEN. AND THE LUNATIC FRINGE - THE BLOC AND NDP - WILL KEEP BOTH IN CHECK.

YA GOTTA LOVE CANADIAN POLITICS.



The unknown citizen

A week ago, we, the citizens of Canada, voted in a new federal government. Our new prime minister is Stephen Harper. As it was said the next day, Canadians finally accepted Stephen Harper, trusting him to deliver on his promise of squeaky-clean government, a crackdown on crime and lower taxes. But they also put him on a tight leash, holding the Tories to a minority - meaning Harper will have to rely on the support of at least one opposition party to get anything done. However, this is all a wait-and-see as Canadians give this government a chance.

When you think about it, it is so easy to honour politicians who do great jobs, or then again, to criticize them for making mistakes. But, perhaps, there is a need to recognize the unknown citizen. He would be John Q. Public, a man (or woman) who pays the bills, but never gets his (or her) name in the newspaper. This person fights the daily battles with the demands and pressures of surviving in a free society. For it is, after all, this unknown citizen, this unsung hero, who keeps the system alive. Without him or her, those who are elected would have no one to elect them; without him or her, those who govern would have no one to govern; without him or her, those who raise taxes would have no taxes to spend. Without the unknown citizen, there could be no known citizens. And so, let's look at those citizens who voted in our federal election. These are the nameless supporters of governments, preservers of freedoms, builders of cities. They are the steelworker, whose sweat is mortar to the steel which is used to frame the bridges and skyscrapers of a modern nation. They are the



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carpenters, whose skill houses the inhabitants of that nation. They are the mothers who gave life to it. They are the teachers who educate it and they are the businessmen, who risk and dream for it. They are all the people who lay the bricks, plant the corn and bake the bread, who pay the taxes to build the roads, to care for the elderly and infirm, and to provide for the military and the governmental process. They are all who quietly, good-naturedly and almost always anonymously play out their supportive roles in the dreams of Canada. So, to all of these unknown citizens, we say unto you - thank you - the unknown citizen - founder, builder, benefactor of nations. You all became involved in Canada's federal election. We wish our new government all the best as they govern our great country.

Actually, the unknown citizen seems to become involved in a lot of things that are beneficial to our community. For example, during the month of January, a Crystal Meth information session was brought to Elk Point both for the students at F. G. Miller Junior/Senior High School and in the evening for everyone in the community who could attend. This was beneficial and it was planned by a few people who cared (unknown citizens). Another group of caring people (unknown citizens) are bringing in Rev. Dale Lang from Taber on Tuesday, February 14. He will also speak to the F. G. Miller Junior/Senior High School students at 12:30 p.m. and in the evening at the Seniors' Centre at 7:00 p.m. To give you some background, in April 1999, a 14-year-old boy entered W. R./Myers High School in Taber, shot and killed 17-year-old Jason Lang and badly wounded his 17-year-old friend. The Taber incident received wide coverage in Canada and around the world because the week before, two students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado killed 12 classmates and a teacher before killing themselves. Those are both traumatic experiences for students, families and the community. We feel very fortunate to have Rev. Lang come to Elk Point and speak to us about his experience and how he has learned to deal with it.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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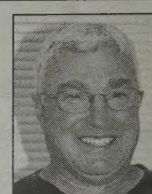
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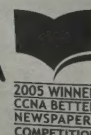
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Armand Houle named the Oilman of the Year

By VICKI BROOKER
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A very surprised Armand Houle was named Elk Point Oilmen's Association's 2006 Oilman of the Year at the Oilmen's Bonspiel banquet Saturday night.

Houle was introduced by Marshall Kachmar, the 2004 Oilman of the Year as a man who "has given 40 years to the industry."

Houle was hired October 31, 1966 by Sherrold Moore as a roustabout for Pan American Petroleum, which later became Amoco, to work in the Drayton Valley oilfield. In 1967 he was promoted to a pumper, and in 1970 moved up to the maintenance department.

In 1975, Houle was a production field foreman in charge of 200 wells near Lodgepole, where he supervised operations and "told everyone what to do when no one knew what to do," Kachmar said.

Houle worked in several other locations

before coming to Elk Point in August, 1985 as a production foreman. He has since worked in production, reclamation, sand disposal and public relations, and most recently as a part-time consultant who is, according to Kachmar, "looking forward to full-time retirement."

"Armand is a quiet, gentle, hardworking individual," Kachmar continued. He is active in his parish council and also enjoys golf and curling.

Houle said the presentation was "a wonderful surprise. I sure wasn't expecting this. I'm at a loss for words - it's a very nice gesture."

Oilmen's Bonspiel chairman Murray Cochrane presented Houle with a handsome gold pumpjack trophy. Oilmen's Association president Don Mudryk and last year's Oilman of the Year, Al Pankiw, added their congratulations to this valued longtime member of Elk Point's oil community.



Oilman of the Year Armand Houle, left, is congratulated by Elk Point Oilmen's Association president Don Mudryk and 2005 Oilman of the Year Al Pankiw.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO



Marshall Kachmar, who introduced his longtime friend, looks on as Oilman of the Year Armand Houle accepts the trophy from Oilmen's Bonspiel Chairman Murray Cochrane.

ED workshop well attended

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Fifteen local participants and a town councillor from Mannville took part in a weekend economic development workshop hosted by the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce and instructed by Walter deSilva at the A. G. Ross Arena, January 28 and 29.

The two day-long ses-

sions are four modules of a course in basic community economic development and included economic development from the ground up, strategic planning in economic development, marketing and communications for economic development organizations and community planning and development issues.

All who attended felt the

workshop was very helpful and full of information.

Watch for more on the workshop next week.

4-H in a wrap

By DARREN TYMOFICHUK
Elk Point 4-H Multi Club

On January 8, the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club outdoors project members got together to do a mapping exercise which taught us how to make a grid and draw what is in the area. After that, we went out to the field to do some compass orienteering. We counted our paces within one hundred metres and it helped us to calculate our distance to the next point. We were all over the field. Then we learned how to find a hidden object using a GPS.

In the horse project, members will be covering ground manners and basic horsemanship on January 31. Chelsea Schnurer just got back from Denver, where she attended the 2006 Western National 4-H

Roundup. Their team represented Alberta and Canada. They placed fifth out of 17 teams in Horse Hippology (judging and knowledge).

Woodworking member Dustin Demers has almost completed his birdhouse.

Our beef members met January 2. We started with the record books and played a game of beef trivia. We decided on the dates of our practice show day and our achievement day, which will be held June 2, in the evening.

Thank you to all the community sponsors of the 4-H New Year's Bash and Benefit. Proceeds went to the District Council Relief Fund (Haying in the 30s and CHLW Kids' Fund) which helps families.

Chelsea Schnurer will be going to a Senior Members Conference at Battle Lake

4-H Centre. Here they will learn how to make cover letters and resumes, how to survive an interview and how to choose a college or university.

Our club's public speaking competition will be held February 26 at 1:00 p.m. at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre.

STARS Raffle 2006: Have you made a donation to STARS yet? How would you like to also have a chance to win part of a 4-H fed and cared for beef? See one of our 4-H families to purchase a ticket. Thank you to our 4-H district families for helping us out on this project.

4-H cookbooks: we just got more in. Have you gotten yours yet?

That's all for now. I'll report back to you again.

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Opening Ceremonies

Taking part in the official opening ceremonies on Thursday night were (left to right) bonspiel chairman Murray Cochrane, Elk Point Oilmen's president Don Mudryk, Mayor Parrish Tung, 2005 Oilman of the Year Al Pankiw and rink boss Curtis Porcina.

Vicki Brooker photos



Al Pankiw and Murray Cochrane sweep the ceremonial first rock thrown by Mayor Parrish Tung as curlers competing in Thursday's 6 p.m. draw applaud.



Grand Challenge Winners

Grand Challenge winners accepting the trophy from bonspiel chairman Murray Cochrane were BJ Services curlers (left to right) Jeff Latos, Trent Cherry, Shane Freeson and Trevor Gilby, after they defeated the 2005 champions, Shamrock Valley curlers (left to right) Leonard Gadowski, Mark Verenka, Rick Halkow and Adrian Ewasiuk.



"B" Event

Murray Cochrane presents the trophy to Terri Breen, the first female skip to win an Oilmen's trophy, and her Richland Oilfield rinkmates, Mike Breen, Jaime Porcina and Orest Boyko, after their win over (front, left to right) Nalco curlers Chris Patton, Ron Frieson, Mike Howard and Wayne Mudryk.



"D" Event winners who accepted their trophy from Murray Cochrane were (left to right) Steve Penz, Tim Smereka, Paige White and Scott Penz of the E-Can Oilfield Services #1 rink. Not shown are their competitors from the C. E. Franklin rink skipped by Doug Littlewood.



"C" Event - Murray Cochrane presents the trophies to Weatherford rinkmates (left to right) Troy Lorenson, Greg Desaulniers, Sheldon Ballas and Jason Jenner, who won over (front, left to right) Tom McDougall, Chuck Joy and Ed Young.



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Home-ice advantage gives 'road warriors' a win

This week's column is dedicated to a former Midget Storm player Kali Cousins, who is celebrating her 22nd birthday today. Kali has had a real tough battle this past year and recently received a bone marrow transplant in Calgary and is now on the road to recovery. We're all pulling for her. Have a great day, Kali. See you soon.

Home sweet home! The Micro Novice Tornados, a.k.a. the "Road Warriors," have been on the road for many weeks now, but they finally played at home on Saturday



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morning and not only that, they won their first game of the season. Talk about being pumped up: Brodin Ference leading the charge with four goals, Dylan Odgaard with a hat trick, his younger brother Brody Odgaard getting his first goal ever. Also scoring his first goal ever, but certainly not his last, Austin Stafford. Jewel Poitras found the twine with one also, the Tornados winning 8 to 3 over Mallaig. Some other game notes: making some sprawling saves in net, Hayley Vinge; Nicholas Tucker doing some great corner work routing out the puck, work horse Chansie Botting some excellent back checking, and solid D-man, Chris Boratynec standing them up on the blue line.

This Saturday the Tornados are hosting their annual tournament, so come on down to the Dome and cheer on our youngest hockey stars.

The Bantam Colts finished off Redwater's provincial hopes on Saturday afternoon in Redwater in the second game of the two-game, total point series, winning 7 to 2. Tanner Graff with a hat trick and two assists, Stetson MacDonald with two goals and two assists, Brett Pickford with a goal and four assists and Chevy Botting with a goal and three assists. Big defenseman Tanner Shankowski assisting on two and Dylan "In your face" Loughran also getting on the game sheet with an assist. "Bronko Billy" Hudy handled the goaltending duties. The Colts will now go on to meet Mannville in the next round starting sometime this weekend.

You might as well call it a Sunday afternoon shinny game, not very much intensity in this one, not much at all, as the Colts smoked Smoky Lake 9 to zip, Sunday afternoon in Elk Point. Stetson MacDonald with a hat trick and three assists, Brett Pickford also picking up a hat trick and two assists, the finely tuned machine Chevy Botting scoring twice and adding an assist. And Jon "The Hammer" Schmitt with a goal and a hat trick in the penalty box, three trips to the slammer for "The Hammer." Goaltender Brendan "The Puck Stops Here" Bishop with the shut out.

With only nine players in the line up Saturday afternoon the Pee wee Avalanche played one of the best games that they have all year, tying Saddle Lake four-all, Jamie

"Fuzzy" Wozniak with two, Taylor Dion Abraham and Louis Dion also scoring, Jared Vallee with two assists. Goalie Wyatt "Mad dog" Dewan making some sensational saves. And a correction on last week's game sheet, Cody Knopp scoring two goals.

Wednesday night in Dewberry the Atom Avalanche played their first provincial game, winning 7 to 2. Logan Becker with a hat trick, Trever "The Kid" Ballas with two, Rylan Buffalo and Jared McGilvery with singles and scoring her very first goal, Lindsey "Goldilocks" MacDonald.

Friday night the two teams met again, this time in Elk Point, for the second game of the two-game, total point series, the Avalanche coming out on top once more this time 5 to 1. Trever "The Kid" Ballas with two, Jared McGilvery, Andrew "Bruise Brother" Jenner and Rylan Buffalo with singles and scoring his first goal

ever, Tell May. This coming Thursday the Avalanche will play at home to start the second round, going against Smoky Lake. Game time is 6:15. Be sure to come down and cheer these guys on to victory.

Saturday the Avalanche traveled to Saddle Lake, winning once more, this time 7 to 4. Trever "The Kid" Ballas with a hat trick, Logan Becker with two, Matthew "Bruise Brother" Jenner and Rylan Buffalo with singles.

It was close for the first period, but the Atom Avalanche eventually wearing them down, winning 10 to 4 over the short-benched Mallaig, Sunday afternoon in Elk Point. Trever "The Kid" Ballas with five goals, Logan Becker and Rylan Buffalo with two each, Jared McGilvery with a single. Working hard in the corners paid off for Nathan Yarmuch who assisted on three goals, Tell May also getting an assist.

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Atom Avalanche named Dewberry tournament champions

Celebrating their 'A' side win in the Dewberry Atom tournament, January 21-22 were, back row, left to right: Coaches - Brent Becker, John Quinney, Jim Vinge; middle row left to right: Brett Ockerman, Rylan Buffalo, Trever Ballas, Andrew Jenner, Mackenzie Roberts, Michael Abraham, Logan Becker, Jared McGilvery, Nathan Yarmuch, Skyler Ewasiuk; front row, left to right: Tell May, Matthew Jenner, Lindsey MacDonald, Chelsea Botting, Brayden Vinge.

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Award-winning Grasshopper members were, back row, left to right - Thomas Bayduza, Kyle Bader, Cody White, Cale Henderson, Lacy Wandler, Savannah Lawrence, Seanna-Joye Leaf, spectator Taylor Pankiw; front, left to right - Curtis Bader, Olivia Leaf, Jordan Bugera. Missing from photo, Brenda Rosher.

PHOTO BY CINDY LAWRENCE

Grasshoppers brawl in annual Vermilion meet

By CINDY LAWRENCE
Review Contributor

Eleven members of the Elk Point Grasshopper TaeKwon Do Club, including instructor Thomas Bayduza, took part in the 2006 Annual Snow Brawl in Vermilion on Saturday, January 21.

There was a demonstration of brick breaking by black belt competitors from various clubs around Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Competitions took place in Forms, Sparring and Team Sparring.

All members of the Elk Point club that attended the event took home medals in their age groups. They were as follows: in Forms - Olivia Leaf (1st), Savannah Lawrence (1st), Jordan Bugera (2nd) Seanna Joye Leaf (2nd), Curtis Bader (3rd), Cale Henderson (3rd), and Cody White (3rd).

In the Sparring competition, medals were awarded to: Thomas Bayduza (1st), Olivia Leaf (3rd), Savannah Lawrence (3rd), Jordan Bugera (2nd), Brenda Rosher (3rd) Kyle Bader (1st), Curtis Bader (2nd) and Cale Henderson (2nd)

Lacy Wandler took home the bronze in the team sparring while Thomas Bayduza took home the silver.

We would like to thank the Vermilion Club for a fantastic tournament. A great time was had by all that attended!

Drivers: beware of wildlife on Alberta roadways

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The sudden appearance of a wild animal in the middle of the road is a driver's nightmare.

Alberta has an abundance of wildlife and many are active during the winter months.

The numbers speak for themselves. In 2004, there were six fatalities and 293 injury collisions involving wildlife.

Roads attract wildlife because they provide a route of easy travel and roadside forage. Salted winter roads can also attract wildlife.

Many species tend to be more active at dawn or dusk, when driving visibility is poor and traffic volume is high.

Over the past five years, more than one-third of collisions involving animals occurred between 7 and 11 p.m.

To reduce collisions with wildlife:

- scan the road and ditches ahead for animals, especially when travelling at dawn or dusk;
- slow down in a curve, when reaching the crest of a hill or

in wildlife populated areas;

-watch for the shining eyes or silhouette of an animal at night and use high beams;

-improve visibility by keeping the vehicle's windshield and headlights clean;

-keep in mind that lights from oncoming traffic at night can make it difficult to see an animal on the road;

-slow down if an animal is on or near the road and be prepared to stop, as their behaviour is unpredictable - an animal that has crossed the road can turn back in the vehicle's path;

-look for more than one animal - some travel in groups;

-brake firmly if an animal is in the vehicle's path, and do not swerve to avoid it;

-honk in a series of short bursts to chase animals away;

-leave a lot of room when driving around an animal on or near the road - a frightened animal may run in any direction;

-do not throw food or food wrappers out of vehicles as this attracts animals;

-watch for wildlife warning signs, use extra caution and

slow down in areas where animal crossing signs are posted;

-report all collisions to your insurance company, police service and the nearest Fish and Wildlife or Parks office;

-contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife office in cases where an animal is injured or poses a threat to public safety;

-remember that collisions with wildlife can result in extensive damage to a vehicle and serious injury to its occupants.

The Alberta government helps reduce the number of collisions with wildlife by installing fences, warning signs, and roadside reflectors, and by maintaining vegetation control along highways.

In addition, bushes and trees are cut back to allow motorists to see animals on either side of the road.

For information about traffic safety, please contact the Traffic Safety Initiative at (780) 422-8839 or visit www.saferoads.com.

BSE detection protocols keep food safety top priority

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On Jan. 23, 2006, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) confirmed bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in an approximately six-year-old cross-bred cow born and raised in Alberta. No part of the animal entered the human food or animal feed systems.

"The CFIA has confirmed that animal tissue collected

under the Canada-Alberta BSE Surveillance Program has tested positive for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)," said the Hon. Doug Horner, Minister of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, at a press conference held in Edmonton. "Canada is still well within the controlled risk category for BSE, as recognized by the international organization for

animal health. We will continue to use our enhanced surveillance program to assist us as we move to eradicate BSE."

The risk to human health from BSE is immeasurably small. Food safety is protected through the removal of specified risk material (SRM) from all cattle slaughtered for human food in Canada. SRM are tissues that, in infected cattle, contain the BSE agent. This measure is internationally recognized as the most effective means to protect public health from BSE.

Under Canada's national surveillance program, more than 87,000 animals have been tested since Canada's first case of BSE in 2003. Detection of this case of BSE is consistent with a low level of disease and does not indicate an increased risk of BSE in Canada. Based on the guidelines and certification recommendations of the World Organization for Animal Health, this finding should not affect Canada's ability to export live animals, beef and beef products. Canada has notified its key trading partners, including the United States. This interna-

tional dialogue will continue as Canadian officials work closely with their international counterparts to ensure the facts and supporting science of this case are shared in an open and timely manner.

Also on Jan. 23, 2006, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns released a statement saying, "I appreciated the opportunity to speak with the Canadian Agriculture Minister Andy Mitchell today, who apprised me of the new BSE detection in Canada. I assured him that based on the information he supplied, I anticipate no change in the status of beef imports to the U.S. from Canada under our established agreement. As I've said many times, our beef trade decisions follow internationally accepted guidelines that are based in science."

The CFIA, working in collaboration with the producer and the Province of Alberta, has launched a comprehensive investigation into the feeding regime and storage practices employed on the farm, as well as the production and source of feeds delivered to the farm. Consistent with international standards,

the CFIA will identify cattle born on the farm within 12 months before and after the affected animal, as well as offspring of the affected animal born during the last two years. Any live animals found from these groups will be segregated and tested.

Canada has a suite of safeguards that work together to systematically limit the risks to animal and public health associated with BSE. These measures include import controls, surveillance of the national cattle herd and the removal of potentially harmful tissues from all animals slaughtered for human consumption. Of principal importance from an animal health perspective is Canada's feed ban, which is designed to limit BSE spread and eradicate the disease over time. Analysis of previous Canadian investigations and surveillance results to date continue to indicate that Canada's feed ban is working as intended to effectively reduce BSE risks to animal health through a robust compliance and enforcement strategy. Our experiences related to the feed ban and finding cases born after the

feed ban are in keeping with other countries.

"As the CFIA stated, there is no threat to human health from this additional case of BSE," said Horner. "No part of the animal entered either the human food or animal feed chain. The most effective way of ensuring food safety - a ruminant-to-ruminant feed ban and the removal of specified risk materials. This is already being done within Canada."

"I would like to commend the producer for taking the appropriate steps, following protocols and procedures in a very responsible manner," said Horner. "The safeguards and detection system we have in place works and it speaks to the commitment that producers, industry, the federal government and the provincial government have made to work in partnership to eradicate this disease."

Regular updates will continue to be provided by CFIA. Information will be posted to the CFIA's website. As well, Canada's Assessment of the North American BSE Cases Diagnosed from 2003 to 2005 (Part II), is available on the CFIA's website.

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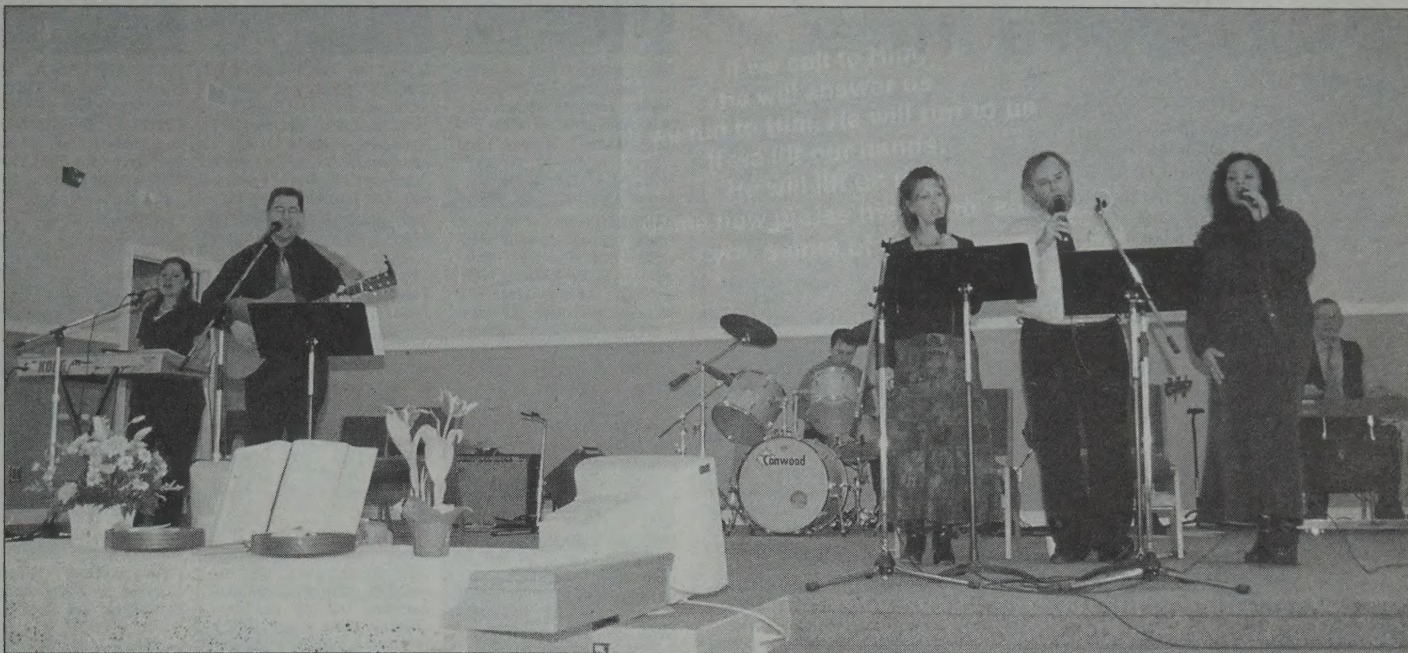
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Jill Goulet, Cliff Quist and Shane Quist of the musical Quist family were joined by Brian Quist and Sid Quist on the instrumental side and vocalists Sherry Oszust, Rick Peters and Kerry Anderson on the wide stage of the new Elk Point Baptist Church at the first service held in the new facility.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO



Baptists celebrate opening of new facility

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

"We have many things to rejoice in this morning," Cliff Quist told the congregation who took their places in the pews of the new Elk Point Baptist Church for the first time on Sunday, January 29.

Quist and his family provided joyous music for the occasion, and were joined by vocalists Sherry Oszust, Rick Peters and Kerry Anderson.

"It's been a busy week around here," he continued. "It started on Monday when a large number came to help us move everything from the other church." He offered special thanks to his Mother, Rosemary, who went outside in the blustery winds and washed and polished the windows.

Quist spoke of the planning stages of the new building, "when we talked of the generations before us who built a church in a

small town.. May the Lord enable us to carry on as did the generations before us."

Pastor Jim MacLellan also harked back to the past, recalling that back in the early 1980s, Pastor Ted Clark came to town with his wife Jean and "Irish sidekick" John MacGregor, a newspaperman from Lloydminster, who became youth pastor and later took over the ministry.

The first Baptist services were held in the old pink

former school, and five of those people who attended the very first service were on hand Sunday morning.

Even more of those in Sunday's congregation were at the first service to be held in the original building, "a church with little strength but the promise of God."

Pastor MacLellan said the church's moving day was "incredible. People booked time off work, and it all went so smoothly. It's

great to see that happen with such cooperation and joy."

This coming Sunday will be another special occasion for the church, as they celebrate the first baptism and the first communion in the new building.

An official opening ceremony for the new church will be held later in the year, when the remaining work to be done on the building is completed.

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By RON ONUSKO

Review Contributor

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Tie, loss for Storm

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It's never a bad play to shoot the puck. Case in point: Catharine "The Great" Campbell shot the puck in from the blue line, missing the net by five feet, but get this, the Macklin goalie came out to play the puck and somehow it went off her skate and into the net. Trouble was that was the only goal the Storm scored Saturday night against Macklin, the game ending in a one all tie.

Most times this year the Storm has had no trouble handling Vermilion, but not on this night. On Sunday night at home, Vermilion was in charge for most of the game, the Storm losing this one 6 to 2. Team captain Karly Shankowski and Melanie Cadrin did the scoring, Tellia "Coast to Coast" Loughran with two assists, rookies Tori "T-Rex" Becker and Alyssa Harms also assisting and another rookie, Kelsey Vinge, doing some awesome fore-checking.

And now for K.A. Campbell's quote of the week. "You'd hold up three fingers and ask the guy, 'How many fingers?' If he said 'two or four,' you'd say: 'Close enough.' Last week's answer to: "We're not dealing with a series of Einsteins." - Alan Eagleson.

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Literacy improves health, Aspen says

SUBMITTED BY ASPEN REGIONAL HEALTH

Families and communities across Canada celebrated the importance of reading on January 27 with Family Literacy Day. The eighth annual event was a national initiative that promoted the importance of reading and learning together as a family. Family Literacy Day helps reinforce the importance of childhood literacy as a means of building the knowledge necessary for future skills. Literacy also has a direct and indirect impact on people's health and Aspen Regional Health is working to increase the awareness of literacy as a key health issue.

"There's a direct link between literacy and health. People with lower literacy skills may have trouble reading and understanding health information unless it is clearly presented and directly linked to their realities. People with low literacy may not know about the services available to them. They can feel powerless and intimidated in relation to health professionals and institutions," explains Health Promotion Consultant Dela Royan. "There's also an indirect link. Low literacy, poverty and health problems are interrelated. Literacy barriers limit people's opportunities, resources, control over their lives and ability to make informed choices about their own lifestyle. Low literacy also affects people's access to well-paying, secure jobs and adequate incomes. The higher their income, the higher Canadians rate their own health."

According to a recent survey completed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and Statistics Canada, 42% of adult Canadians aged 16 to 65 do not have the minimum literacy skills for coping with everyday life and work. Equally

troubling is the lack of substantial progress in adult literacy since the last such survey over a decade ago. (Lessons in Learning <http://www.ccl.ca.ca/english/resources/lessons/280905.asp>) To help address the issue, health promotion staff from Aspen Regional Health have linked up with literacy coordinators in the region and met on several occasions to discuss common issues and challenges. Some of the challenges include isolation in rural settings, transportation, lack of funding for family literacy programs, lack of knowledge to work with individuals with disabilities, lack of resources and lack of access to some professionals.

To support literacy programs in the region, health promotion staff have developed, published and distributed a Literacy Health Connection Newsletter for literacy coordinators to share program ideas, resources and news of learning opportunities. Aspen Regional Health has also hosted a day on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) for the region's literacy coordinators and home visitors from Healthy Families to gain practical strategies to work with individuals with learning disabilities, and to link these two programs together.

"There are things that health care providers can do to promote literacy and improve health, like supporting literacy programs. Aspen supports Mother Goose programs, a financial literacy program and a number of other initiatives," says Royan. "We are trying to support literacy initiatives and we're doing a better job of that. Part of the problem with literacy is it doesn't fit neatly into the mandate of any one agency - it pops up everywhere, from food banks to children's services offices to health care services. We all need to do our part."

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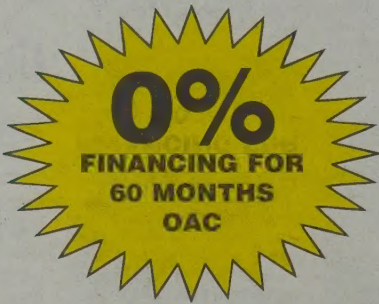
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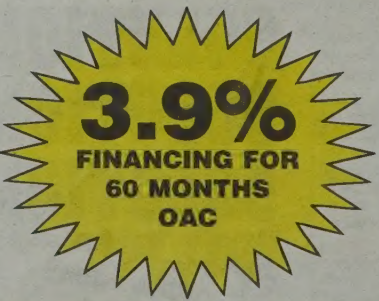
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